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CHAPTER 63

H.P. 768 — L.D. 1031

AN ACT to Provide for the Creation of Liens and Sales on Small Motors.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

Sec. 1. 10 MRSA §3951 is amended to read:

§3951. Lien created

Every individual, partnership or corporation, having an established place of business in this State, engaged in making, altering, repairing or cleaning any watch, clock, jewelry, electric motor, major and traffic appliance, small motor not to exceed 20 horsepower, radio and other electronic equipment, musical instruments, and in cleaning, repairing or pressing of clothes, or expending any labor or materials thereon, shall have a lien upon said the watch, clock, jewelry, clothes, electric motor, major and traffic appliance, small motor not to exceed 20 horsepower, radio and other electronic equipment and musical instrument for a reasonable compensation for said the labor and materials, which shall take precedence of all other claims and incumbrances. Such watch, clock, jewelry, clothes, electric motor, major and traffic appliance, small motor not to exceed 20 horsepower, radio and other electronic equipment and musical instrument shall be exempt from attachment or execution until such lien and the cost of enforcing it are satisfied.

Sec. 2. 10 MRSA §3952 is amended to read:

§3952. Sale after 6 months

The lien holder shall retain such watch, clock, jewelry, clothes, electric motor, major and traffic appliance, small motor not to exceed 20 horsepower, radio and other electronic equipment and musical instrument for a period of 6 months, at the expiration of which time, if such lien is not satisfied, he may sell such watch, clock, jewelry, clothes, electric motor, major and traffic appliance, small motor not to exceed 20 horsepower, radio and other electronic equipment and musical instrument at public or private sale, after giving 30 days' notice in writing to the owner, specifying the amount due, describing the property to be sold and informing him that the payment of such amount within 30 days shall entitle him to redeem such property. Such notice may be given by mailing the same addressed to the owner's place of residence if known, or if the owner's place of residence is unknown, a copy of such notice may be posted by the holder of such lien in 2 public places in the town, village or city where the property is held.

Effective September 29, 1987.

CHAPTER 64

H.P. 771 — L.D. 1034

AN ACT Requiring Proper Placement of Motor Vehicle Dealer Plates.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

Sec. 1. 29 MRSA §194, as amended by PL 1971, c. 360, §15, is further amended to read:

§194. Manufacturers, dealers and transporters

The Secretary of State may select and issue a special distinguishing letter, mark or design for a number plate issued to manufacturers, dealers and holders of a transporter registration certificate. ~~Such plate may be attached to the rear of the vehicle and shall be always plainly visible.~~

Sec. 2. 29 MRSA §381, as amended by PL 1983, c. 818, §11, is further amended by adding at the end a new paragraph to read:

A manufacturer, dealer or transporter registration plate shall be attached to the rear of the vehicle and shall be plainly visible from the rear.

Effective September 29, 1987.

CHAPTER 65

H.P. 772 — L.D. 1035

AN ACT Relating to Rate-setting Procedures by Municipally-owned Utilities.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

Sec. 1. 35 MRSA §71-A is enacted to read:

§71-A. Consumer-owned water utilities

For the purposes of this section and sections 72 to 73-A, "a consumer-owned water utility" means any water utility which is wholly owned by its consumers, including, but not limited to, any municipal or quasi-municipal water district or corporation, municipal water department or the water portion of any utility wholly owned by a municipality or district.

Sec. 2. 35 MRSA §72, as amended by PL 1985, c. 629, §4, is further amended to read:

§72. Municipal and quasi-municipal water companies

Notwithstanding section 69, ~~municipal and quasi-~~